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Regional Advisory Council

The five RAC Committees and the RAC Board will provide assessment, program development, and evaluation of GMR programs in assigned areas. The RAC Committees will meet annually in-person to assess the needs and accomplishments of GMR programs, review and make recommendations about GMR subcontracts and awards, and develop programming recommendations and plans that will assist the GMR in meeting its goals and objectives. Other meetings during the year will be held by teleconference. A GMR Coordinator will serve as liaison to each RAC Committee and coordinate meetings and business. Minutes of meetings, recommendations, and other reports will be published on the GMR website and announced on GMRLIST.

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RAC Board

Once a year, the RAC Board will meet with the GMR staff to review the RAC Committees' activities and progress. The RAC Board annual meeting will serve as a planning day for the next year of the contract. The Associate Director and Director will coordinate the annual meeting. GMR goals and objectives for the year will be reviewed to see how well they were met and an outline of the future goals will be presented to help the RAC Board establish objectives and develop a plan for meeting the objectives. The RAC Board also will advise the GMR staff on how to respond to problematic issues identified by network members and the RAC Committees. Results of the RAC Board meeting will be reflected in the goals and objectives statements submitted to NLM with the annual budget and will be published on the GMR website and announced on GMRLIST. The RAC Board and Committees will be involved in a formal review and evaluation of the GMR's programs and services.

RAC Communications Committee

The RAC Communications Committee will assist the GMR staff in promoting GMR and NLM programs and services, and advise GMR staff regarding interactions with network members, health professionals, and consumers, and various state or local organizations. The RAC Communications Committee will evaluate, provide guidance and make recommendations to the GMR staff regarding the use of print, e-mail, discussion groups, and the Web for effective communications. The RAC Communications Committee will assist in identifying authors and topics for GMR publications, and will assist in promoting GMR programs and subcontract and award RFPs. The RAC Communications Committee also will review proposals and make recommendations for GMR awards and subcontracts.

RAC Consumer Health Committee

The RAC Consumer Health Committee will assist the GMR staff in developing, implementing, and assessing consumer health programs in the Region. RAC Consumer Health Committee members will help identify potential Affiliate Members and contribute goals and objectives relating to consumer health for the annual Regional Services Plan. The RAC Consumer Health Committee will assist GMR staff in developing consumer health education programming as well as identifying issues of special interest to those librarians providing consumer health services in the GMR. The RAC Consumer Health Committee also will review proposals and make recommendations for GMR awards and subcontracts. The RAC Consumer Health Committee will monitor the progress of the GMR consumer health subcontract projects to see if models demonstrated by the projects can be duplicated in other parts of the region or incorporated into general practice.

RAC Education Committee

The RAC Education Committee will provide guidance and make recommendations to the GMR office regarding the education and training needs of health professionals, librarians, and consumers in the region. The RAC Education Committee also will review proposals and make recommendations for GMR awards and subcontracts. In response to NLM's Planning Panel on the Education and Training of Health Sciences Librarians report, the GMR will work with the Medical Library Association (MLA) to develop training programs that meet the needs of health sciences librarians. The RAC Education Committee also will collaborate with other RAC Committees in the development of educational programming.

RAC Resource Sharing Committee

The RAC Resource Sharing Committee will monitor and identify new developments in resource sharing on a state, regional and national level. The RAC Resource Sharing Committee will provide guidance and recommendation to the GMR office in devising and implementing regional policies for resource sharing including DOCLINE and Loansome Doc. Members will work closely with state association representatives to determine resource sharing needs within the GMR. The RAC Resource Sharing Committee will edit the GMR Document Delivery Manual and write articles for the GMR newsletter on resource sharing issues. The RAC Resource Sharing Committee will work with the RAC Education Committee to design regional educational programs relating to resource sharing. The RAC Resource Sharing Committee also will review proposals and make recommendations for GMR awards and subcontracts.

RAC Technology Committee

The RAC Technology Committee will monitor and identify new developments in information technology and new applications of health information technology in libraries. Findings of the RAC Technology Committee will be reported in the GMR newsletter, and recommendations will be made to the GMR office for planning future technology-related programs. This information will be used to assist smaller libraries in the region to keep abreast of the latest information technology. The RAC Technology Committee also will review proposals and make recommendations for GMR awards and subcontracts. The RAC Technology Committee will assist the GMR office staff in assessing the needs of health sciences librarians by holding annual Technology Awareness Forums at the Midwest Chapter / Medical Library Association Annual Meetings.

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